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## REMARKS

In reply to the Examiner's Response to Amendment, on page 2 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect to file a Reply under 37 CFR § 1.111. Applicants do not request reinstatement of the appeal herein.

In response to the double patenting rejection set forth on pages 2 and 3 of the Office Action, Applicants hereby elect to file a Terminal Disclaimer in order to remove the rejection under the judicially created doctrine of obviousness-typed double patenting as being unpatentable over claims 1-3 of USP 6,336,872.

In view of the Terminal Disclaimer filed concurrently herewith, removal of this rejection is respectfully solicited. Having met and disposed of all remaining points in the Office Action, it is respectfully requested that this application be allowed.

Should the Examiner wish to contact Applicants' representative he may do so by dialing the telephone number listed hereinbelow.

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If necessary, the Commissioner is hereby authorized in this, concurrent, and future replies, to charge payment or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 02-2448 for any additional fees required under 37 C.F.R. §§ 1.16 or 1.17; particularly, extension of time fees.

Respectfully submitted,

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